

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/4/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 20070912.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The Examiner acknowledges the amended claims filed on September 4, 2007.

Claim 3 has been amended.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Carlton H. Hoel (Attorney on Record, Reg. No. 29,934) on September 12, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the **Specifications, page 29, line 31** is amended as follows:

and ~~$Mg = B + G$~~ $Mg = B + R$. Hence, the following relation always holds for a pixel's color

Allowable Subject Matter

3. **Claims 1-4** are allowed.
4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claim 1, the main reason for indication of allowable subject matter is because the prior art fails to teach or reasonably suggest, including all the elements of the present claim:

(i) subtracting a quantity $(Y_e + C_y - 2 \cdot G - M_g)/4$ from Y_e to generate the pixel's adjusted yellow value where Y_e is the pixel's yellow value from step (b), C_y is the pixel's cyan value from step (c), M_g is the pixel's magenta value from step (d), and G is the pixel's green value from step (e);

(ii) subtracting the quantity $(Y_e + C_y - 2 \cdot G - M_g)/4$ from C_y to generate the pixel's adjusted cyan value;

(iii) adding the quantity $(Y_e + C_y - 2 \cdot G - M_g)/4$ to M_g to generate the pixel's adjusted magenta value; and

(iv) adding the quantity $(Y_e + C_y - 2 \cdot G - M_g)/8$ to G to generate the pixel's adjusted green value.

Regarding claim 2, the main reason for indication of allowable subject matter is because the prior art fails to teach or reasonably suggest, including all the elements of the present claim:

(i) subtracting a quantity $(Y_e + C_y - 2 \cdot G - M_g)/4$ from Y_e to generate the pixel's adjusted yellow value;

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(ii) subtracting the quantity $(Y_e + C_y - 2 \cdot G - M_g)/4$ from C_y to generate the pixel's adjusted cyan value;

(iii) adding the quantity $(Y_e + C_y - 2 \cdot M_g)/4$ to M_g to generate the pixel's adjusted magenta value; and

(iv) adding the quantity $(Y_e + C_y - 2 \cdot G - M_g)/8$ to G to generate the pixel's adjusted green value.

Regarding claim 3, the main reason for indication of allowable subject matter is because the prior art fails to teach or reasonably suggest, including all the elements of the present claim, a filter coupled to the output of the interpolator to adjust the interpolated colors at each pixel by adjusting with a color imbalance factor for the pixel where said color imbalance factor relates to $G + M_g - Y_e - C_y$ with G the green value for said pixel, M_g the magenta value, Y_e the yellow value, and C_y the cyan value.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nelson D. Hernandez whose telephone number is (571) 272-7311. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M..

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lin Ye can be reached on (571) 272-7372. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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